

**WHO WATCHES THE WATCHERS ?
CAN YOU HELP, PLEASE ?**

G4S Security Services (Macau) Ltd () has a little problem: One (or more) of its staff has stolen about \$HK40.60 million.

The security company is offering a reward of \$HK2.03 million for information, leading to the recovery of the money which appears to have been stolen in what has been described as a cash incident.

Normally, when an embarrassing situation, such as this, takes place in a licensed gambling joint, the matter is handled quietly, with the big boys, being imported in order in to punish the perpetrators of the acts of stealing money from the owners of the gambling empires.

In the days of mobster Mickey Cohen when Las Vegas, Nevada, was just taking shape, the penalty for stealing from the mob was death.

The history of Mickey Cohen is colourful and, in some ways, the developing situation in the Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) is reminiscent of the birth of Las Vegas.

History records that Mickey Cohen was sent to Los Angeles by Messrs Meyer Lansky and Lou Rothkopf to watch over the mobster Bugsy Siegel.

During their association, Mickey Cohen helped to establish the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas and ran its sports-book operation.

He, also, was instrumental in setting up the race wire, which was essential to Las Vegas betting, a Nevada attraction perhaps only second to the Hoover Dam.

In 1947, the crime families ordered the murder of Bugsy Siegel due to his mismanagement of the Flamingo Hotel, most likely because Bugsy Siegel or his girlfriend, Virginia Hill, was skimming money.

According to one account, Mickey Cohen reacted violently to the murder of Bugsy Siegel and, on entering the Hotel Roosevelt, where he believed the killers were staying, Mickey Cohen fired rounds from his two .45 caliber, semi-automatic handguns into the lobby ceiling and demanded that the assassins meet him outside in 10 minutes.

However, nobody appeared and Mickey Cohen was forced to flee when the police arrived.

After Bugsy Siegel's death, Mickey Cohen was given control of the Las Vegas gambling operations.

Well, things have changed, greatly, since the days of Mickey Cohen and his modus operandi, which, in its day, was very effective, also.

Today, advertisements are placed in the media, entreating anybody who knows something about the thefts of material sums of money to come forward with their information – for a cash reward.

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